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RE: FOIA Request Number: EPA-HQ-2021-000409

Dear Mr. Jeong,

This letter concerns the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Freedom of Information Office, in which you are seeking public records on the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for all CERCLA sites on the initial National Priority List: the ID Number of the CERCLA site (matched to the other information), the names of the potentially responsible parties, the notice letters to the potentially responsible parties, the names of the notice letter recipients, the estimated cost associated with the CERCLA site, if applicable, and the total liability of the PRP, if applicable. You requested that the information be produced in a digital spreadsheet or other digital formats.

The Agency has concluded its search for records responsive to your request. The U.S. EPA relies on the Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS) to manage cleanup of hazardous waste sites. SEMS is the official repository for site- and non-site-specific data in support of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE) is relying on data contained in SEMS to respond to your request regarding notice letters issued to PRPs under CERCLA, as well as, money PRPs have agreed to either spend or pay for site cleanup.

To date, the Agency has issued approximately 4,747 general and special notice letters to 29,833 PRPs at 1,206 CERCLA sites across the country that have been deleted from, proposed, or that are currently listed on the National Priority List (NPL). The attached Excel file includes all CERCLA sites on the NPL, as described above, where PRPs have been identified to date and have been issued one or more general or special notice letters either individually or as part of a group. Also included is the EPA site identification number, the name of all PRPs currently identified at each site, and where the data exists, the name(s) of the PRPs who were issued one or more general or special notice letters. Further included in the Excel file are completed enforcement instruments at the NPL sites identified, the dollar value of each enforcement instrument and the name of the PRP(s) associated with each enforcement instrument where the data exist.

Please note that the estimated cleanup cost associated with each CERCLA site on the NPL is based on the value of work commitments and financial commitments in EPA enforcement instruments representing amounts that PRPs have agreed to either spend or pay for site cleanup. The total liability of any individual PRP is not tracked in the SEMS database. Please also note the existence of or lack of an enforcement instrument at an identified CERCLA site has no relevance to the total liability of a PRP.

Further, some or all of the actual notice letters issued to PRPs may or may not exist electronically in SEMS and therefore are not readily assessable to OSRE. As previously mentioned, to date, 4,747 general or special notice letters have been issued at the NPL sites identified for your request. Copies of the actual notice letters may exist in the 1,206 site files, hence individual requests would have to be made to each regional office requesting such a search. Please be mindful that the resources required to review 1,206 CERCLA site files would be significant and costly.

However, in an effort to provide useful information for your purposes the website below provides model CERCLA notice letters. The website is a useful tool with sample letters and documents related to general and special notice letters.

https://cfpub.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund/index.cfm?action=3&sub_id=1219

Additional Superfund Site information may be obtained through [EPA's Superfund search page](#) as well as Envirofacts. The SEMS allows you to retrieve Superfund data from SEMS database Envirofacts.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WJC-N Building, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460.

Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Antoinette Powell Dickson of my staff at 202-564-5136.

Sincerely,

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